(c) if not, whether this formula is under possession of the private management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has informed that it has been producing and continues to produce, albeit much larger volumes of aluminium alloy rolled products in the form of sheets and plates conforming to published international specifications and supplying to various customers including Defence and Space organizations, who use them as raw materials for manufacturing components, assemblies or equipment to meet their specific needs. BALCO with its in-house Research & Development (R&D) has been developing, producing and supplying alloys, the technical particulars of which are in public domain and available in various publications. No chemical formula was given to BALCO by the Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Demand for reservation in Government and Private Sector

†2801. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that along with the educational institutions the demand for reservation is being made in Government as well as private sector;

(b) if so, the details of the persons who have raised this demand before Government till now; and

(c) the reaction of Government in respect of accepting or rejecting this demand?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The Government receives from time to time representations for reservation from various quarters. The details are not Centrally maintained. Reservation in employment in Government service is provided for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, As far as

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

educational sector is concerned, a legislation for reservation for the weaker sections including Other Backward Classes for admission in Centrally aided/maintained/established higher educational institutions is before Parliament for consideration.

Scholarships for minority students

2802. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated a scheme of merit-cum-means based scholarship for students belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of scholarships granted under the scheme so far, community-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of scholarships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Scheme of merit-cum-means based scholarship for students belonging to minority communities formulated by this Ministry is in the process. However, the scholarship is for professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels;

(c) to (e) In view of the above to (a) and (b) the question does no arise.

Corpus of Maulana Azad Educational Foundation

2803. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to increase the corpus of the Maulana Azad Educational Foundation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Maulana Azad Educational Foundation is providing financial assistance to all the States equally; and